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Subject: FW: "Marvin Booker Was Murdered" film this weekend at Indie Memphis
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Picture in your in box!

From: Dennis Lynch [mailto:dmlynch1@gmail.com]
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Subject: "Marvin Booker Was Murdered" film this weekend at Indie Memphis

Mayor Strickland,
Mayor Luttrell,
Director McGowen,
Director Gibbons,

I wanted to send you this personal invite...

The film "Marvin Booker Was Murdered" will be shown this weekend at the Indie Memphis Film Festival (November 4 & 5). I encourage you to see it if at all possible. It's a sad story of Marvin's unfortunate death. What could have been done differently?

Marvin used to recite Martin Luther King speeches in front of the Civil Rights Museum and on Beale Street. He even wrote a book about MLK, and sold it on the street on both locations. Marvin also participated in a faith-sharing group at St. Patrick Catholic Church downtown, a church famous for its connection to the Civil Rights Movement. Marvin's father is a retired Minister in Memphis. One brother is a Minister in St. Louis. Marvin was a friend of mine. Attached is a photo of Marvin that I took on Lt George W Lee Ave while the Westin Hotel was under construction.

Marvin was murdered in July 2010 at the hands of five Denver police officers while he was in custody at the Denver Detention Center. He had been arrested for "possession of drug paraphernalia". No one was indicted for his murder, yet his family won an award of \$6 million in a civil case against the city of Denver.

This is a powerful film, and an important story. Most of the story happened before the deaths of Michael Brown, Eric Garner, Walter Scott, Freddie Gray, and others which were all heard in the media much more than Marvin's story.

I hope you can find time to see the film, and I hope you will share this invite with your friends and colleagues. I especially encourage you to share it with Police Director Rallings and Sheriff Oldham.

NOTE that the film's Director (cc'ed above) has told me that he will be in Memphis on Thursday and Friday before the festival begins, and he can be available to meet public officials about the film and/or about bigger issues of policing and police brutality. I understand that he has ongoing discussions with officials in Denver. Please contact

him directly if you want to talk, or if you want to show the film to Memphis or Shelby County officers.

Here are the show times at the Indie Memphis Film Festival:

Sat Nov 4 at 12:45

<https://festival2017.indiememphis.com/schedule/59ca95961efc440012241836>

Sun Nov 5 at 4:30

<https://festival2017.indiememphis.com/schedule/59ca95961efc44001224188a>

The trailer for the film is at: <https://vimeo.com/202056896>

The Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/marvinbookermovie/>

I think you appreciate seeing the film.

Thank you!

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